corrected committee statement for LB 789. Senator Withem, amendments to be printed to LB 721. Senator Matzke, new A bill, LB 712A. (Read by title for the first time.) And LR 16 has been correctly enrolled, Mr. President. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (See page 1277-79 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The motion was to recess until one-thirty. All those in favor say aye. Opposed. We are recessed until one-thirty.

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## SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Would members please record their presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we begin, resume the agenda, Senator Stuhr, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STUHR: I'd rise to share information and to draw your attention that this is National Agriculture Week and that the Governor signed a proclamation today declaring that the week, the days of March 19 through March 25 shall be observed as National Agriculture Week. Every year, the first day of spring is observed as National Agriculture Day. So at your desk you will find a brochure representing and telling about Nebraska agriculture in this state. Also a brochure from the Nebraska Corn Board and pens made from 60 percent cf corn starch and they also biodegradable. I would like to share with you the proclamation that the Governor presented in observance of National Agriculture Week. Nebraska agriculture is recognized as the single most important industry to the state's economy and Nebraska's cultural heritage is founded on a strong rural background, the values of which continue to be the basis of our society today. The economic growth of manufacturing, retail sales and service industries in the state are dependent upon a healthy agriculture community and Nebraska's farmers